



GALLATIN AG REPORT

Gallatin County Extension

January 2006

2006 Crop School

The Gallatin County Extension is pleased to invite you to the 2006 Crop School! It will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at the Willow Creek Firehall, located in Willow Creek, Montana. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am. The meeting will run until 4:00 p.m. Dinner, (steak sandwich, baby red potatoes, salad and dessert), is brought to you by *UAP Northern Plains-Belgrade, Townsend Seeds, Harrison Elevator, Reich Brothers, and Rocky Mountain Supply – Belgrade and Townsend.*



SCHEDULE:

(Lunch) 11:45-1:00 pm Beardless Winter Wheat & Forage Varieties (Dr. Dennis Cash, MSU Extension)

1:00 pm Soil Fertility (Clain Jones, MSU Extension)

1:30 pm Wheat Scab (Dr. Jack Riesselman, MSU Extension)

2:00 pm Rangeland Weed Management (Barry Bowles, Wilbur-Ellis)

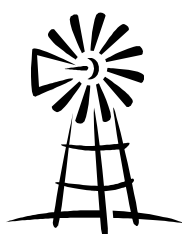
2:30 pm Ground Squirrel Control & Products Available (Rick Anderson)

3:00 pm Wild Oat Resistant Management (Ron Groskoff, Syngenta)

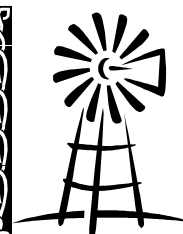
3:30 pm New Winter Wheat Varieties (Phil Bruckner, MSU)

The meeting will cover key issues related to farming, and also allow you the opportunity to earn 3 (three) private pesticide applicator credits. Call (582-3280) or email gallatin2@montana.edu to RSVP by Friday, February 17, 2006.

To request disability accommodation or to inform us of special needs, please contact the Extension office at 582-3280, 901 N. Black Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715 or email gallatin2@montana.edu.



The Extension office has IRM Cow/Calf Red Books available for \$3.50 each.
Call now to reserve yours today!
(406) 582-3280



Gallatin County Extension, in cooperation with the Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D, has submitted 6 grants for approval for 2006. If you would like to see a synopsis of the grants, visit www.gallatinextension.com, *Agriculture, Research & Grants*. The web will be kept up-to-date as to the grants funding status. We will know if the grants have been funded by April and May.

Extend Your Selection in MS Word and Excel!

You know when you're selecting either a block of text in Word or a range of cells in Excel and you let go of the mouse only to discover that you missed one word or one row? Your choice... start over right? You don't have to if you know this little trick!

With your original selection still highlighted, press the F8 key. That will put you into 'Extended Selection' mode and you can now continue to add to your selection without starting over! You will know if you are in 'Extended Selection' mode by this indicator on the Status Bar.

To turn the 'Extended Selection' mode off, just press the F8 key again or double-click the mode indicator in Word.

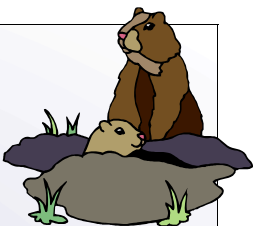
Dates of Interest:

- Wild West Winterfest, February 17th-20th
- 2006 Crop School, February 21st
- Fair, July 19th-23rd



New Ground Squirrel Control Tool

News that's sure to brighten your new year!



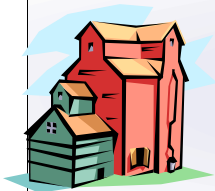
Montana has received a 24(c) special local need registration allowing use of Rozol oat bait in bait stations. This designation is the result of Phillips County Extension Agent Marko Manoukian's labor, who worked with the Montana Department of Agriculture and Liphatech Chemical Company on the new label designation. Rozol is an anticoagulant that was previously labeled for hand or spot baiting only. Using Rozol in bait stations is less time consuming and less costly than hand placement, by assuring that all chemical is consumed.

Ground squirrels must feed on Rozol continuously for 3-4 days before a lethal dose is consumed. Carolyn Johnson-Nistler, Associate Wildlife Specialist of the MSU Animal and Range Sciences Department, recommends placing bait stations 1 per acre (more or less depending on density) in noncrop, pasture, alfalfa and small grains. Rozol is a restricted use pesticide and can only be purchased by a licensed applicator.

Section 24(c) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) permits the Montana Department of Agriculture to approve registrations for pesticides for pest problems that may be unique to Montana. Applicators are required to have the 24(c) label in their possession when making an application under a 24(c) registration. I am attaching a copy of the 24(c) label for Rozol (SLN No. MT-00-0007).

You can get more information about Rozol and the 24(c) label for Rozol at www.gallatinextension.com, Agriculture, Pests & Pesticides, MT Dept of Ag Vertebrate Bulletins or Rozol 24 (c) label.

2006 Calendars for Sale!



The Gallatin County 4-H office still has 2006 Calendars for sale! "Mountain Wildflowers" includes a picture near Bozeman while "North American Grain Elevators" has the Menard Grain Elevator as well as the grain elevator in Laurel, Montana. Each calendar is only \$12.99! Stop in now to pick up your calendar!



Farm Household Economics and Well-Being

The Farm Household Economics and Well-Being Briefing Room offers a synthesis of ERS research, analysis, and outlook on the diversity of U.S. farm operator households, including current and historical data on labor allocation (hours of farm and nonfarm work), income, consumption, wealth, farm diversity, health status, and community resources, of farm operator households; research articles; and information on current ERS projects. It also includes information on factors affecting the economic well-being of farm households, such as Federal tax and spending policies, local economic conditions, and the availability and cost of private services. Forecasts, and the analysis that supports those forecasts, are also reported.

See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/WellBeing>



Gallatin Beef Producer Dues Reminder

Reminder that it is time to pay your annual dues for 2006 if you have not already done so. Dues are \$5.00 and can be either mailed to our office at 901 North Black Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715 or dropped off in our office. Happy New Year!



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